Computerised reservation facility in Uttar Pradesh

4557. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJNATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that computer reservation facility is not available at Ramnagar, Kashipur, Kathgodam and Kotdwar railway stations of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when computer reservation facility is likely to be provided at these railway stations;

(c) the names of railway stations in Uttar Pradesh where computer reservation facility is available; and

(d) the names of the railway stations which will be linked with computer reservation in the next three years, along with the year-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) This facility is already operational at Kathgodam and the provision of the same at Kotdwar has been included in the Annual Plan for 1997-98. The reservation workload at other places is much less than the criterion of reservation related transactions per day and does not justify provision of this facility at present. It can be considered when the criterion is met.

(c) A statement is attached. (*see* below)

(d) The stations fulfilling the criterion are considered on year to year basis and included in the annual works programme.

Statement

Station/Location	Station/Location
Lucknow	Mathura
Varanasi	Mau
Allahabad	Gonda
Dehradun	Moradabad
Kanpur	Bareilly
Meerut City	Kathgodam
Saharanpur	Basti
Faizabad	Deorai Sadar
Ghaziabad	Mughalsarai
(Sattellite of New Delhi).	Mussoorie (City Booking Office)
Agra Cantt.	Manduadin
Agra Fort	Deoband
Gorakhpur	Deoband
Badshahnagar	Rawatpur (Satellite of Kanpur)
Aligarh	Prayag (Satellite of Allahabad)
Haridwar	Raja Ki Mandi (Satellite of Agra Cantt.)
Rai Bareilly	
Jhansi	

Facilities to IRWO Employees

4558. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Railway Welfare Organisation (IRWO) was set up in November, 1989, under the Chairmanship of then Railway Minister, to provide low-cost houses for the Railway employees;

(b) whether the employees of the said Oranisation are getting the same facilities as are being availed by other employees of the Railways, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide facilities to the employees in the near future; and

(d) if so, by when these facilities would be made available to these employees and if not, the reasonss therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Indian Railway Welfare Organisation (IRWO) was registered in September, 1989 as a Society under the Societies Registeration

Act XXI of 1860 under the overall control of Governing Body to provide dwelling units for Railwaymen on 'No profit No loss' basis. Member Staff/ Railway Board and Ex-officio Secretary to the Government of India, functions as the Chairman of the Governing Body.

(b) No, Sir. These employees are not railway employees but employees of a society as indicated in reply to part (a) of the question.

(c) and (d) A committee has already been set up by the Governing Body of IRWO to review the Organisational Structure, remunerations and terms and conditions of the service of officers and staff of IRWO.

Doubling of Dehri-On-Sone-Yadnathpur railway track in Bihar

4559. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to take up the doubling of the Dehri-On-Sone-Yadnathpur Via Banjari railway track in Bihar;

(b) if so, how can it be possible as no railway track exists on this route; and

(c) if not, how the Railway Minister announced this survey programme in his Railway Budget speech on 26th February, 1997?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A survey has been taken up for construction of a new broad gauge line but it has inadvertantly been mentioned as survey for doubling in the budget speech. It is clarified that the survey is for construction of a new line. Further consideration of the project will be possible once the survey report becomes available.

Length and conversion of Metre Gauge Line into Broad Gauge and Cost thereof

4560. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of metre gauge network still in operation in the country;

(b) whether schemes have been prepared to convert this entire network into the broad gauge system; and

(c) in case the answer to part (b) be in the affirmative, the total investment cost that will be necessary for the conversion and the period over which the work will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The total length of metre gauge network (Route kilometres) still in operation on Indian Railways is 18,501 kms. (latest available figures as on 31.3.1996).

(b) Only those lines required on urgent operational and strategic considerations are proposed to be converted in a phased manner. At present only about 15,966 kms. of MG/NG lines have been identified for conversion.

(c) The details of cost of conversion of the lines identified can be known only after detailed surveys. However, 6000 kms. MG/NG lines are targetted for conversion in 9th Five Year plan.

Introduction of Shatabdi Express between Thiruvananthapuram and Kozhikkode

4561. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Shatabdi Express between Thiruvananthapuram and Kozhikkode; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.